

March 22, 2022 – Vestry Minutes
Submitted by the Acting Clerk of the Vestry

Members In Attendance

Katrinka Clark
Karen Friedland (Junior Warden)
Guy Giersch (Senior Warden)
Michelle Hutton
John Lavalette
Chris Mathew
Molly Mitchell
Fr. Perry Mullins
Paul Newton
Scott Patterson
Julia Shahid
Tucker Thompson

Members Not In Attendance

Tara Alt (Clerk)
Meg Cotter-Lynch
Jackie White (Treasurer)

Call to Order, Prayers and Consent Calendar

Fr. Perry called the meeting to order at 7:12pm, opening with prayer that included individual requests from the Vestry. The consent calendar was accepted without comment.

The Vestry discussed Acts 1:12-17, 20-26 as it pertains to the church today.

- The role of the church is to be devoted to prayer
- Leaders look to the Holy Spirit for guidance through prayer, listening and seeking God all around us
- Episcopalians are typically more subdued and introverted
- God calls us to trust in him, he goes before us and guide us
- We need to let God do what God is doing
- God calls on us to be apostles by sharing our personal experiences
- We experience an altar call every Sunday through communion

Discussion

The Post-Quarantine Church

Fr. Perry led a discussion surrounding the Introduction and Chapter One of The Post-Quarantine Church.

- What have we learned in the wake of the pandemic?
- It was difficult to endure without the benefit of the church where we would normally go to for comfort
- We were fortunate to have an immediate response from the clergy as to how we would move forward
- Communion at home was awkward and strange for some
- We discovered that consecrated space is important
- Technology allowed those far away to participate, and the option to pause, stop and rewind offered convenience
- If the goal of the church is to open our doors to the community, how can we better use our space?
 - Because the church was not accessible during the height of the pandemic, organizations that used the church pre-COVID are now hosting virtual meetings or have found alternate

facilities

- We could offer after school care, preschool, or even space for parties
- We could use the Terrill and/or SPARC House for community outreach, ie., office or meeting space or buy another house altogether
- As time was running short, chapter 2 was tabled for the April meeting.

Business

Sabbatical

Fr. Perry submitted the proposal for his sabbatical in May 2023 and led a discussion about the parameters.

- St. Peter's continues to grow as we support others, but will that always be the case
- We need a strategic plan to address church attendance, growth, outreach, and how we can open our doors wider to the community
- Fr. Perry plans to study church growth and congregational development in a post-Christian and post-pandemic world
- We need to be forward thinking and do something other than what's out there now
- We all need to be prepared to offer Mother Kathy meaningful support while Fr. Perry is away

Molly moved to accept the sabbatical proposal as submitted, John seconded. There wasn't any further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Article/Response and Discussion of COVID Requirements

There was a brief discussion about how to continue offering worship for those unable to attend, and then the vestry discussed the current masking protocol:

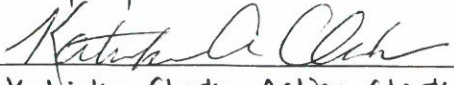
- St. Peter's will continue to follow CDC guidelines
- We will move from a 1-4 Level model to a Low/Medium/High model, which is less restrictive
- The vestry expressed a desire for parishioners to be able to receive Communion from clergy or a server who is masked

Prayer and Adjournment

Moly offered prayer for the group and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Prayerfully submitted,
Michelle Hutton

Approved:

Date: 04/26/2022
Signed: 
Kathinka Clark Acting Clerk